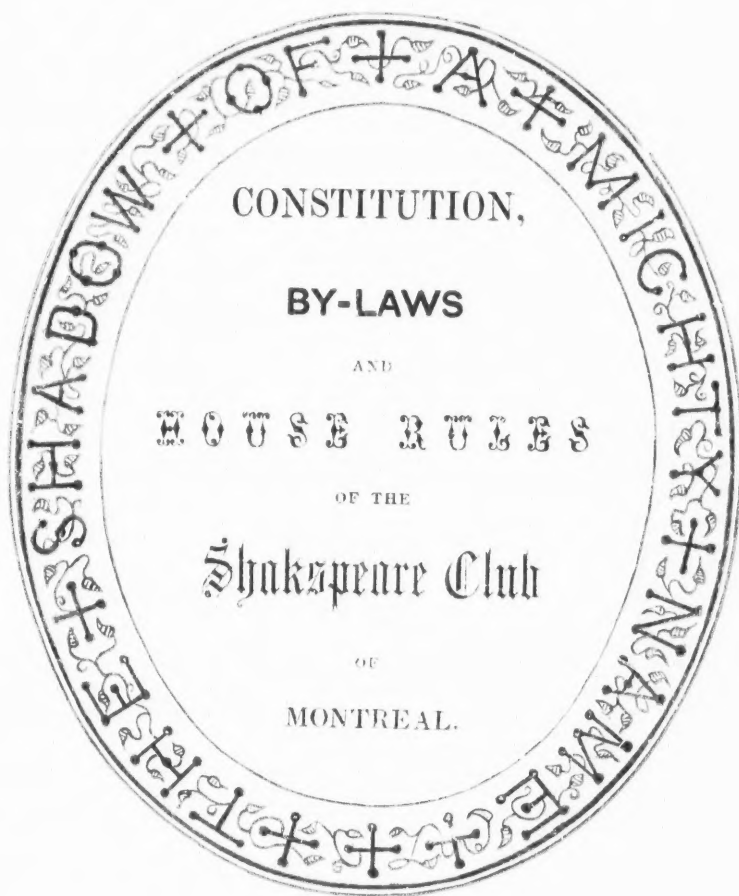
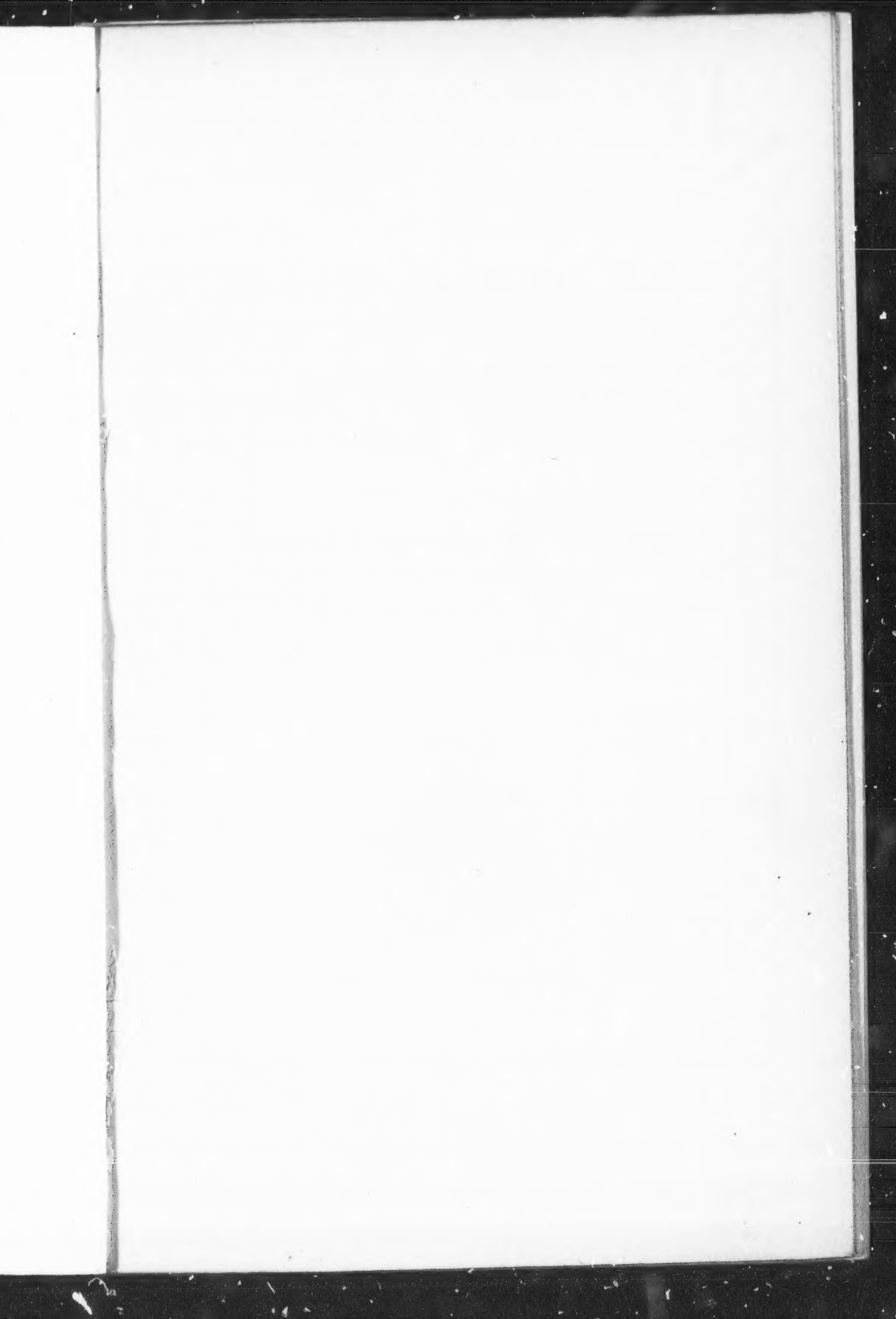






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CONSTITUTION,
By-Laws and House Rules
OF THE
SHAKSPEARE CLUB
OF MONTREAL.

Revised at a Special Meeting of the Club,
HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE,
ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1849.



"THE SHADOW OF A MIGHTY NAME."

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SHAKSPEARE CLUB,

Founded, September 18th, 1843.

Preamble.

THE MONTREAL SHAKSPEARE CLUB was organized on the 18th day of September, 1843 ; and its leading object was declared by its original Constitution, to be the cultivation of a taste for Literature amongst its members. With this view, its Constitution provided that it should hold regular and frequent meetings, at which original Essays should be read, and subjects of general interest debated.

On the 1st May, 1849, the Society grafted upon its original design a *social* character ; and in order to meet the requirements of its improved condition, on the 5th day of June, in the same year, amended its By-Laws, besides confirming the Constitution.

ATTEST.

W. A. HIMSWORTH,
Secretary.

D. G. DALY,
Assistant Secretary.

SHAKSPEARE CLUB ROOM, }
June 5th, 1849. }

Constitution.

I.—The name of the Club shall be THE Name.
MONTREAL SHAKSPEARE CLUB.

II.—The Club shall consist of three classes of Members.
Members; Honorary, Associate, and Ordinary.

III.—Its Officers shall be, a President, First Officers.
Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary,
Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary, to be elected
annually, from among its Ordinary Members.

IV.—It shall hold regular and frequent meet- Meetings.
ings, for the reading or delivery of Essays or Lec-
tures of a literary character, and for extempore
debate on questions previously selected.

V.—This Constitution shall not be altered or
amended at any other meeting of the Club than a Amendment
regular meeting, held in the month of December of Constitu-
tion.
in any year; nor at such meeting, unless notice
of any motion to be submitted for that purpose
shall have been duly given at the four consecutive
regular meetings previous; nor unless as many as
twenty ordinary members of the Club shall be

present at such meeting, and as many as four-fifths of the ordinary members present and voting, shall vote in favor of such motion. And all such alterations or amendments thereof as may be so adopted, shall take effect from and after the first of January next following their adoption.

By-Laws.

I.—Every proposition for Membership in this Club must be made in writing by two Members of the Club, which proposition shall be displayed in some conspicuous place in the Club House, for the space of not less than six days from the making thereof, and a ballot vote shall be taken upon the same at the regular meeting next after it shall have been so made. Proposition and Election of Members.

II.—Any gentleman whom the Club may desire to elect as an Honorary Member thereof, on account of his talent, character or station, may be so elected, after written proposition, and by ballot, as aforesaid,—not less than twenty votes requiring to be cast, and one black-ball in ten excluding. Honorary;

III.—Any gentleman residing not less than fourteen miles from Montreal, may be elected as an Associate Member of the Club, after written proposition and by ballot as aforesaid, one black-ball in five excluding. Associate;

IV.—In all ballot votes upon the proposition of the name of any gentleman as an Ordinary Member of the Club, one black-ball in five shall exclude. Ordinary.

Rights of
Ordinary.

V.—The Ordinary Members of the Club shall alone be entitled to vote at elections of Officers, or on motions for the amendment of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Club.

Honorary
and Associate
Members.

VI.—The Honorary and Associate Members of the Club shall be entitled to be present at all its meetings, to take part in its proceedings, and to vote on all questions coming before the Club, except as above provided; unless in the case of House Rules, when associate members shall be allowed to vote.

Charges to be
paid by Ordinary
Members.

VII.—Every ordinary member of the Club shall pay to its funds an Entrance Fee of two pounds ten shillings, and also a Yearly Subscription of two pounds ten shillings; the latter to be held payable *in advance*, on the first of January in every year; Provided always, that any member elected after the first of July in any year, shall be held to pay a subscription of twenty-five shillings only, for such year.

Charges to
be paid by
Members of
Legislature
and Officers
of H. M.'s
Service.

VIII.—Members of the Legislature, (not resident in Montreal,) shall, on being balloted for, pay an Entrance Fee of two pounds ten shillings, and a Yearly Subscription of twenty-five shillings; and Regimental and Commissariat Officers, and Officers on the Staff (not being heads of Departments,) shall pay an Entrance Fee of one pound five shillings, and the regular Yearly Subscription,

on being balloted for, in the same manner as other ordinary members. Gentlemen who have left the Club, having paid up their just dues to the Treasurer, shall be admitted by ballot, under the same rules as prescribed for the admission of Ordinary Members, but shall only be called upon for payment of half the usual entrance fee.

IX.—No Member, being in arrear to the Club, shall be eligible to any office, or as a Member of any Committee of the Club, or be entitled to speak or vote at its Meetings. Nor shall the resignation of any Member so in arrear be accepted by the Club. Should any Member not have paid his yearly subscription by the first of April in any year, his name shall forthwith be struck from the list of the Members of the Club.

X.—The proposers of any gentleman who may have been elected as an Ordinary Member, shall be held responsible for the punctual payment of his Entrance Fee, and of his subscription for the current year.

XI.—Every Associate Member shall be required to pay an Entrance Fee of Ten Pounds, to be paid in all cases before the entering of the name of such associate member on the List of the Members of the Club.

XII.—The Officers of the Club shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the Club in the

month of December in every year, and shall enter on their respective offices on the first of January next following.

Nominations
to fill offices.

XIII.—At the regular meeting next previous to such election, and again at the meeting appointed for the same and immediately before proceeding thereto, the President shall call for nominations to the several offices ; and all nominations thereupon duly made and seconded shall be recorded by the Secretary, the Club being first satisfactorily assured of the willingness of the party nominated to serve, if elected.

Mode of
Election.

XIV.—If for any office only one person shall be so put in nomination, the President shall thereupon declare such person duly elected. And if for any office more than one person shall be so put in nomination, the Club shall proceed to elect to the same by ballot from among the persons so nominated ; and a majority of all the votes cast shall in such case be required in order to such election.

Liability of
Officers.

XV.—Every Officer of the Club not present at any regular meeting shall be fined for such absence in the sum of five shillings ; unless, upon sufficient excuse being given, the Club shall see fit to remit such fine.

Duty of
President.

XVI.—It shall be the duty of the President to take the Chair at the meetings of the Club ; to decide all questions of order, and generally to ex-

ercise all the functions incident to that office. At the first regular meeting of the Club after his election he shall deliver an address.

XVII.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents, in order of rank, shall perform the duties of the President, and at the last meeting of the winter session, the Senior Vice-President shall deliver a closing address.

XVIII.—In case of the absence of the President and of both the Vice-Presidents at any meeting of the Club, the duties of President shall devolve upon such member of the Club as shall be elected Chairman for the occasion.

XIX.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Club, to preserve carefully its papers, and to conduct all the correspondence of the Club, with the exception of that especially relating to the Treasurer's department. At the last regular meeting in the month of December in every year, he shall read to the Club a detailed report of its proceedings for the past year.

XX.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and take charge of the Funds of the Club; to pay all orders for money on account of the Club, signed by the President, Secretary, or Chairman of the House Committee; to keep accurate accounts of his receipts and disbursements; to lay

before the Club a half-yearly balance sheet of its affairs; to read to the Club, at the last regular meeting in the month of December in every year, a full yearly report, in which shall be stated the names of all members in arrear, and the amount due by each; and further, from time to time, to report to the Club the names of any members in arrear, and the amount due by each, whenever required so to do by the Club or by the President.

Assistant
Secretary.

XXI.—In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall perform his duties; and it shall be his duty at all other times to render him any required assistance.

Standing
Committees.

XXII.—There shall be three Standing Committees of the Club, to be called respectively The Council, the Library Committee, and The House Committee.

Their Com-
position.

XXIII.—Each of the said Committees shall consist of the Officers of the Club and four other members, who shall be elected by the Club at the same time and in the same manner with the Officers, and three members of each Committee shall be a Quorum thereof.

Election
and Quorum.

Duty of
Council.

XXIV.—It shall be the duty of the Council to exercise a general superintendence and management of the affairs of the Club; and in particular, to prepare and cause to be printed a Programme of Literary Exercises for the Winter Session of the Club.

XXV.—It shall be the duty of the Library Committee to take charge of the Library of the Club; to expend such funds as the Club may place at their disposal for the purchase of books, to make and carry into effect any required arrangements for the use of the Library, and to submit a full report of their proceedings at the last regular meeting in the month of December in every year.

Library Com-
mittee.

XXVI.—It shall be the duty of the House Committee to enforce the House Rules of the Club, and generally to superintend and manage all affairs of the Club connected therewith.

Duty of
House Com-
mittee.

XXVII.—On the occurrence of a vacancy in any Office, or in any Standing Committee, the Club shall proceed, at the regular meeting next after that at which such vacancy shall have been announced, to an election to fill the same. And such election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed for the regular yearly election.

Election to
fill Vacancies

XXVIII.—The Summer Session of the Club shall comprise the months of May, June, July, August, September and October; and the Winter Session the remainder of the year. During the Summer Session, the Club shall meet for the transaction of business at least once in the week. During the Winter Session, the Club shall meet for Literary Exercises once in every week, (excepting only the Christmas week,) unless at any time other-

Summer and
Winter Ses-
sions.

wise ordered by special vote of the Club or of the Council.

Regular
Meetings and
Literary Ex-
ercises.

XXIX.—The regular meetings of the Club shall be held at the Club House on such evenings and at such hour as the Club or the Council may from time to time, by vote, direct. And the Literary Exercises of the Club at each meeting shall be such as the Council shall have appointed by their Programme, except in so far as the Club may vote or agree to vary the same.

Order of
Literary pro-
ceedings.

XXX.—Whenever such Exercises shall consist of an Essay, Address or other Reading, and also of a Debate, such Essay, Address or other Reading, shall precede such Debate.

Debaters,—
how appoint-
ed.

XXXI.—To ensure the regular conduct of every Debate forming part of such Exercises, two or more Members shall be named as Debaters at the regular meeting next preceding that for which such Debate may have been appointed; and it shall be their duty to open such Debate affirmatively and negatively. After the regular Debaters shall have spoken, the question shall be open to the Club. The member who opened the discussion shall have the right of reply. The Presiding Officer shall then, if he sees fit, sum up the arguments, and the Club shall divide upon the question.

Debaters
fined 5s. for
neglect.

XXXII.—Every member regularly named to take part in the Literary Exercises of the Club at

any meeting, and failing so to do, shall be fined in the sum of five shillings, unless, in consideration of his having provided a substitute and offered a sufficient excuse, the Club shall see fit to remit such fine.

XXXIII.—Special Meetings of the Club may be held at the Club House, whenever convened with due publicity by order of the Club, or of the Council, or of the President, for the transaction of such business as may be stated in the notice convening such meeting. Special Meetings.

XXXIV.—The following shall be the regular Order of Business at all meetings of the Club :— Order of Business.

1. The Literary Exercises of the Meeting.
2. Announcement of Literary Exercises and appointment of Debaters for the next Meeting.
3. The reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the preceding Meeting.
4. Balloting for Candidates for Membership.
5. Propositions of Candidates for Membership.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

XXXV.—At all meetings of the Club, the presence of five or more ordinary members shall be requisite for the transaction of any business. Quorum.

XXXVI.—The Anniversary of the formation of the Club shall be celebrated on the 18th of September in every year—unless when that day shall Anniversary.

be Sunday, in which case the celebration shall take place on the day following,—by such members of the Club as may be disposed to unite in such celebration, and in such manner as the Club or the Council and the House Committee shall from time to time direct.

Amendment
of House
Rules.

XXXVII.—House Rules of the Club may at any time be altered or amended, or any addition made to them, at any regular meeting of the Club, upon motion to that effect made after notice duly given at the regular meeting previous, and in pursuance of a vote of the Council and House Committee, directing that such motion be so submitted to the Club.

Amendment
of By-Laws.

XXXVIII.—These By-Laws shall not be altered or amended, nor any addition made to them, unless at a regular meeting of the Club, at which as many as ten ordinary members of the Club shall be present, and after notice duly given, at the regular meeting previous, of the motion to be submitted for that purpose.

House Rules.

I.—The House Committee shall hold weekly meetings, at such times as they may from time to time appoint ; minutes whereof shall be preserved in a book to be kept for that purpose : Provided always that the Minute Book be open to inspection of the members of the Club at all times.

II.—The House Committee shall submit to the Club, at its annual meeting, with its report for the past year, a statement of the expenditure incurred in the department under its charge ; and shall further, at the meeting previous to such annual meeting, submit an estimate of the probable expenditure for the ensuing year.

III.—The Club House shall be open every day for the reception of members, at Eight o'clock, a. m. ; and shall continue open until one o'clock, a. m., (except on Sundays, when it will only be open from Two p. m. to Ten p. m.) The Club House to be closed on Saturday night at eleven o'clock precisely. The gas will invariably be turned off at the closing hours above named, and no light will be permitted in the Club Rooms, except for the use of servants, after those hours, subject however to any special directions which the House Committee may issue in th's behalf.

IV.—No Smoking will be allowed in any part of the Club House, except the Smoking Room.

V.—No Game of Cards, except Whist, shall be allowed within the Club House, and that only after eight o'clock, p.m.; and no Game whatever shall be permitted in the Club Rooms between eleven o'clock each Saturday and the following Monday.

VI.—Games of Hazard shall not, under any pretence, be played in the Club Rooms, neither shall Dice be used therein, except for the Game of Backgammon.

VII.—No Betting shall be allowed in the Club House, nor shall any higher rate than Quarter-Dollar "Points" be played for. Any infringement of this Rule to be immediately reported to the Club by the House Committee.

VIII.—No Member shall take, or permit to be taken away, from the Club House, on any pretence whatever, or shall injure or destroy, any Newspaper, Periodical, or other article, the property of the Club.

IX.—Members shall pay their bills and every expense they incur in the Club House before leaving the same.

X.—No Member shall, on any account, bring a dog into the Club House.

XI.—Strangers residing upwards of fifty miles from Montreal shall, if introduced by a Member, have the privilege of visiting the Club House for one fortnight after such introduction.

XII.—Any infraction of these Rules shall be taken cognizance of by the House Committee, who shall have the power of inflicting such penalty as the case may require, unless they should consider the offence deserving of suspension or expulsion, in which case they shall submit the matter to the Club for its action.

XIII.—These Rules and Regulations shall be printed, and hung up in some conspicuous place in the Club House, and a copy of them delivered to every Member, or transmitted to his address, and shall thenceforth become binding upon every Member of the Club; but no member shall be absolved from the effect of these Rules on any allegation of his not having received them.

LIST OF
MEMBERS OF THE SHAKSPEARE CLUB,
In their Order of Seniority,
ON THE REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS ON THE 4TH OF JUNE, 1849.

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